

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 1097-01  
BILL NO.: HB 323  
SUBJECT: Feral Hogs  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: February 5, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Conservation, Office of Prosecution Services, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** and the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

In response to a similar proposal from the 2000 session (HB 1806), officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections** assume the proposed legislation would have \$0/minimal impact on their agency and can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **University of Missouri** assume the proposed legislation would have little or no fiscal impact on the university.

Officials from the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** assume that existing staff could provide representation for those one to five cases arising where indigent persons were charged with releasing pigs into the wild. However, the passage of more than one similar bill would require the SPD System to request increased appropriations to cover cumulative costs of representing the indigent accused in the additional cases.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume at this point in time, feral hogs do not present a threat to Missouri's state parks. Therefore, this bill will not cause a fiscal impact to the DNR.

If, in the future, feral hogs cause a problem, additional funds may be necessary to eradicate the problem.

In addition, Section 271.400.3. allows any person to take or kill feral hogs on public land with the consent of the landowner. State park rules do not allow hunting in the parks, unless special controlled hunts are necessary to preserve deer population. Therefore, anyone other than state park personnel will not be allowed to take or kill feral hogs on state park property.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal makes it a class A misdemeanor to knowingly release swine to live in a wild state on public or unfenced private land. Free-roaming hogs not conspicuously identified by ear tags may be killed without liability on public lands or on private lands with the permission of the landowner, although during the firearms deer and turkey hunting season the regulations of the Missouri Wildlife Code shall apply.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture  
Department of Conservation  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Transportation  
Office of Attorney General  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Office of State Public Defender  
University of Missouri



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